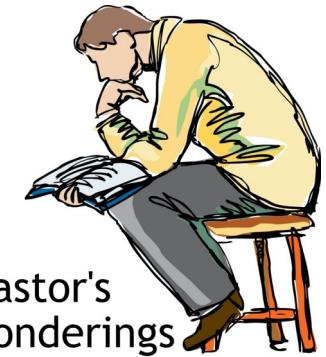


Pastor On Vacation

The family is on the way to Michigan this morning for a short visit with Debbie's family. We will be on the way back home on Friday. If there is an emergency, please call me at (304) 960-3448.



Final Prayer Study This Week

Our final session of the Max Lucado's study : Before Amen, will be this coming Wednesday night at 5:30 pm. Martha Spurlock will be leading the session. Everyone is invited.

Vacation Bible School is Just Around the Corner

David a a group of dedicated individuals have been working hard to get everything ready for our Vacation Bible School that begins on Monday July 20th at 5:30 p.m. (Registration opens at 5:20 pm) The VBS is for children ages three through those entering grade 5. So be sure to tell kids that you know about this event.

TUMC Homecoming 2015

Trinity UMC's Homecoming celebration will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2015. We will have appropriate music, a special guest pastor, and a potluck meal following the service. There will also be a special project completed and displayed during the meal. In order to complete this, we're asking for parishioners to lend us old photographs from the church and church events. We want photos from any and all years. These photographs will be returned to you intact (we will scan them and make them electronic). Photos are required by Sunday, August 16. Please contact Christy Smith at 703-629-6040 or cmsmithfor17@yahoo.com to sign up to bring something for the meal and/or to provide photographs.

Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Shoebox)

After consulting with the NOW team, it was decided to do things differently this year for Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Shoebox. Instead of asking for individual items, we are asking church members to voluntarily sponsor a box (or boxes) at \$15 each. We already have a designated fund for this purpose and will collect the money in that fund. The sponsorship will cover the costs of the items for in the box as well as the shipping costs. At the beginning of November, the youth will go and purchase the items for the boxes and then prepare them for shipping. If you are interested in sponsoring a box, please place your check/money (please make sure it's marked for Samaritan's Purse) in the collection plate any Sunday between now and the end of October. If there are any questions, please contact Christy Smith at 703-626-6040 or cmsmithfor17@yahoo.com. Thank you for your participation in making Christmas a bit more special for the children that are served by this ministry.

You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

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Guest Columnist

13 Truths about Spiritual Warfare for Leaders

By Chuck Lawless

Over the past twenty years, I have studied, written, and taught about spiritual warfare. Based on that work, here are some warfare reminders for church leaders:

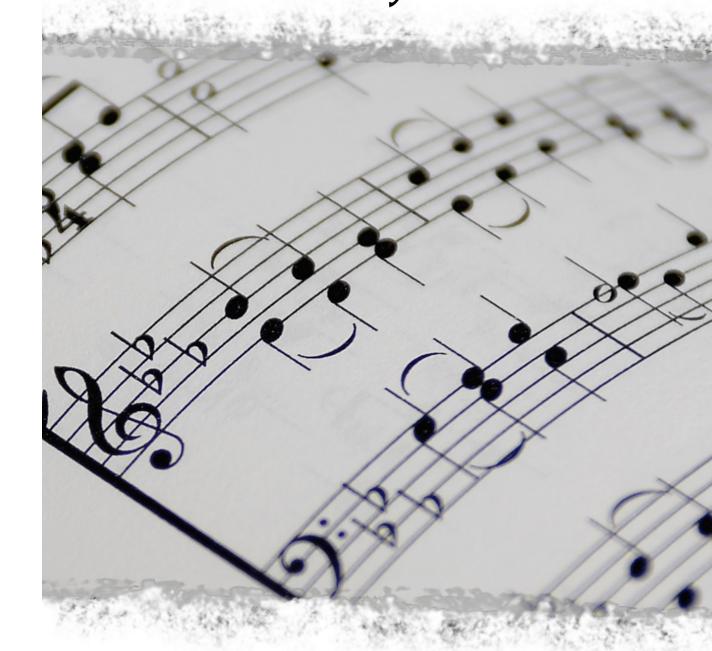
- 1.)**The Bible is not a book about the devil.** The Bible is about God. This truth matters, as many people interested in spiritual warfare give the devil more attention than the Bible does. That approach simply distorts the biblical picture of warfare.
- 2.)**The enemy is real.** Paul was clear that we wrestle against principalities and powers (Eph. 6:12). Peter knew an enemy seeks to devour us like a roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8). No hermeneutical gymnastics can legitimately erase this spiritual reality.
- 3.)**The battle is not ours.** David recognized that when he fought Goliath (1 Sam.17:47). Jehaziel reminded Jehoshaphat of that truth (2 Chron. 20:15). God is our warrior (Exo. 15:3). He always has been and always will be.
- 4.)**People are not the enemy.** Paul was equally clear that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood. Even when people frustrate and anger us, they are not the enemy. When we remember this truth, we will love, shepherd, and pray for people differently.
- 5.)**Leaders are a primary target for the enemy.** That truth shouldn't surprise us. The enemy knows that when leaders fall, followers are wounded in the process. I doubt I need to spend time listing the prominent Christian leaders who have fallen in the last few years.
- 6.)**The enemy strikes at marriages.** Satan sought to divide Adam and Eve (Adam turned on Eve and blamed her after their sin in Gen. 3), and he has attacked marriages since then. When marriages are destroyed, their witness to the gospel (Eph. 5:25) gets distorted – and, future generations are harmed in the process.
- 7.)**Self-dependence is evidence of the enemy's work.** Satan is not alarmed by church leaders who operate in their own ability. All of our training and experience is no match for the subtle schemes of the enemy.
- 8.)**Hiddenness is a warning signal.** The enemy often operates in the darkness. He delights when we sin and choose to keep our sin in the secret places of our lives. In no way does he want us to confess our sin.
- 9.)**Leaders often fight their battles alone.** Sometimes leaders must stand alone, but too often they have no close team around them to help them win spiritual battles. Loners are by nature vulnerable to attack and defeat.
- 10.)**Sometimes leaders take on the enemy with too little prayer.** Self-confident leaders are like Jesus' disciples who tried to cast out a demon without praying (Mark 9:14-29). They do not pray, pray only superficially, or pray only after the battle has been lost.
- 11.)**Even the best leaders may find themselves in non-stop warfare by God's design.** The Apostle Paul was God's uniquely called apostle, but still he dealt with an ongoing thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:7-10). God left Paul in the battle so he would always recognize God as his strength.
- 12.)**Spiritual defeat need not be final.** Simon Peter failed miserably when he denied knowing Jesus (Luke 22:54-61), but the story was not over. Jesus welcomed him back into His band of disciples and then used him to preach the gospel to Jerusalem (Acts 2).
- 13.)**The enemy will not ultimately win.** He will spend eternity in the lake of fire (Rev.20:10). Whether planting churches or revitalizing established congregations, church leaders can know they are ultimately on the winning side. Hell will not defeat the church.

Take time now to thank the Lord for victory in the battle.

The Trinity Companion

Sunday July 12, 2015

I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt
bountifully with me.



Psalm 13:6, NRSV

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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship with us again!

Greeters: Kathleen Gillespie and Pat Bowden

Prelude

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction :

Skip Skinner

Call to Worship: "This Is the House of the Lord"

*** Opening Hymn:** "In the Garden" No. 314

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns. Please raise your hand and wait until an usher comes to you with a microphone.)

Lord's Prayer as found at No. 895

Special Music: Tim Robinson

Ryan Blevins: "How Great Thou Art"

Sandra Jones

Children's Message Christy Smith

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Patty Robbins, Alberta Mitchell, Kathleen Gillespie and Christy Smith

*** The Doxology**

No. 95

Organ/Piano Duet: David Barker and Jan Tate

Special Music: Chancel Choir: "The Love of Christ"

Chris Rose and Angel Medford

Casey Page: "Appalachia Proud"

Musical Offering: "The Lord's Prayer" Soloist: Barbara Polly

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Psalms 13:6 Skip Skinner

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the people of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Closing Hymn:** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" No. 277

Pastoral Benediction : Tim Robinson

Postlude: "Old Time Religion Medley" Congregation

** Please stand, as you are able*

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Circle Meetings

Sunday July 19th
Asbury Circle—5:00 pm

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will be meeting on Monday July 13th at 6:30 pm.

Prayer Studies

The Prayer Circle is having Prayer Studies on Wednesday July 15th at 5:30 pm followed by the Prayer Circle.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held on July 20th-July 24th beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 8:25 pm. Registration begins at 5:20 pm and the ages are 3 years-entering 5th grade.

July Meetings and Activities

Sunday July 12, 2015—5:00 pm—UMYF
Monday July 13, 2015—6:30 pm—UMM
Wednesday July 15, 2015—5:00 pm—Prayer Studies
Monday-Friday July 20-24—5:30 pm—VBS

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UMYF meets Sunday nights at 5:00 pm for a meal and 5:30 pm for meeting.
Choir meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm

UYMF Meeting

The UYMF will be meeting today July 12th at 5:00 pm.

Kids In Christ

Kids In Christ will not meet in July. The next meeting will be the second Sunday in August.



Financial Snapshot

The Administrative Board thinks that it is important that we give you a weekly Financial Snapshot. Here are some figures to ponder:

Funds need for HVAC Units.....\$ 5,800

Current Balance Forward Trinity Maintenance:\$ 5,627

Money Given to General Fund

Budgeted Need to Date\$87,173

Actual Amount Given to Date\$81,678



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

James Horne; Liz Ashley; Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Barbara Polly; Debbie Cooper; Wilma Nein; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Sandra Rich

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Beth Hagan; Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Becky Rogers

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly; Dagni Spurlock; Virginia Sigmon; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Jim Cooper; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock's mother; T. R Davidson; George Gose; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Mike Shaffer; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.